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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 CFR §1.56**

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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB/08 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

A copy of each non-U.S. patent document and each non-patent document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

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### **TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The listed document is being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits after the filing of a Request for Continued Application (RCE).

### **RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT**

All of the documents are in English and were cited during the prosecution of the corresponding International and European applications. A copy of the International and European Search Report is attached setting forth the portion of each document considered relevant by the examiner.

U.S. Patent No. 5,639,599, which was cited in the attached International Search Report, was previously cited by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed May 1, 2007. Therefore, this document is not being submitted.


Applicants respectfully request that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP 609.

Although Applicants believe that no fee is required for this Request, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Request to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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